

Puerto Rico
(Dollars in Thousands)

Puerto Rico	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	20,909	-942	19,967

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Puerto Rico totaled about \$21 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$942 thousand. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has over 150 employees in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is home to one national park unit as well as six national wildlife refuges.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Puerto Rico stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$635 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Culebra National Wildlife Refuge* and *Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$205 thousand from National Park Service sites like *San Juan National Historic Site*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Puerto Rico would drop by about \$388 thousand.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Historic Preservation Fund	645	-32	613
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	610	-31	579
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	11	-1	10
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	6,126	-312	5,814
State and Wildlife Grants	239	-12	227
Total, Puerto Rico	7,631	-388	7,243

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.